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In re Application of HIKOSAKA ET AL.

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For: LUBRICATING STRUCTURE FOR OUTBOARD

MOTORS

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ISSUE

37 CFR 1.313

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue to permit re-opening of prosecution. See 37 CFR 1.313.

The above-identified application is hereby withdrawn from issue.

Subsequent to the mailing of the Notice of Allowability, a new issue was discovered that was believed to pose a significant bearing on the patentability of at least one claim pending in the allowed application. The above-identified application is being forwarded to the examiner for prompt appropriate action, including notifying applicant of the new status of this application.

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Telephone inquiries regarding this notice should be directed to S. Joseph Morano, Supervisory Patent Examiner for Art Unit 3617, at (571) 272-6684. Telephone inquiries regarding the status of the claims and other examination on the merits issues should be directed to the examiner of record, Jesus Sotelo, at (571) 272-6686.

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